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Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant submits the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is October 27, 2005.

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments to the claims (pp. 3-7) and remarks (pp. 8-9) is respectfully requested.